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SPAWAR INSTRUCTION 4440.4

From: Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Subj: REMOVAL OF MATERIAL FROM STRICKEN SHIPS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 4440.4E of 2 Dec 70
(b) DoD Manual 4160.21-M

1. Purpose. To provide procedures for ensuring timely removal of critical SPAWAR equipment from Navy ships stricken from the naval vessel register by the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV).
2. Background. The Secretary of the Navy approves the striking of ships from the naval vessel register and their subsequent disposal. Reference (a) establishes policy and responsibilities governing the removal of material on board ships programmed for disposal. Specific responsibilities are assigned to Systems Commands to ensure prompt and economical removal of items. This source of equipments is an economical means of obtaining material and has proven to be an invaluable source of supply for material required to support the fleet. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) as the inventory manager for SPAWAR equipments, has first priority for these items to meet known or anticipated requirements. The short timeframe between notification of the strike and strike date necessitates the responsive action by all impacted SPAWAR personnel. Since stricken ships are an excellent source of assets; i.e., no procurement appropriations are expended, every effort must be taken to ensure that all ships scheduled for disposal are carefully screened for all available SPAWAR cognizance items.
3. Scope. This instruction is applicable to the removal of SPAWAR equipment and selected material critical to the operational support of SPAWAR equipment/systems.
4. Definitions. For the purpose of this instruction, the following terms will apply:
 - a. Ship. Ships, service craft, barges, floating drydocks and floating construction equipment.
 - b. Custodian. The Commanding Officer of a naval inactive ship maintenance facility or other shore activity who has been directed by Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) to retain or assume custody of a ship for the disposal process subsequent to striking the ship from the naval vessel register.

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c. Stripping. Removal from a ship, incident to its decommissioning and disposal of installed equipments or spares, for which there is a specific requirement.

d. Stripping Activity (nonindustrial). The custodian, or other designated naval activity, under whose surveillance stripping action is performed which does not require industrial assistance.

e. Stripping Activity (industrial). Any activity, naval or civilian, that provides industrial assistance in the removal of items during the stripping process incident to the disposal of the ship.

f. Industrial Assistance. Work performed by a shipyard or special labor force with tools, equipment and back-up facilities normally associated with the marine repair or construction industry. This may also include supplemental labor or technical service beyond the normal capability of a nonindustrial activity.

5. Policy. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command will remove all SPAWAR cognizance equipment and selected other equipments/components critical to the operational support of SPAWAR cognizance equipment from ships approved by SECNAV to be stricken from the naval vessel register for which a known or anticipated requirement exists. In addition, the following pertains to the removal of SPAWAR items from ships authorized for disposal:

a. All SPAWAR cognizance classified material will be removed from ships authorized for disposal. For material not to be utilized for satisfying known or anticipated requirements, the custodian or appropriate SPAWAR field activity will effect disposal and demilitarization in accordance with reference (b).

b. All installed unclassified equipment, not in critical supply and the removal of which is not economical, will be disposed of with the ship.

c. Except for classified equipments removed for security purposes, equipment will not be taken from ships authorized to be stricken from the naval vessel register for the purpose of being sold to a foreign government unless authorized by the CNO.

6. Action

a. Logistics Support Group (SPAWAR 003-2) will:

(1) Upon receipt of SECNAV's approval and CNO's authorization to strike a ship from the naval vessel register, obtain the latest Ships Engineering Configuration Accounting System (SECAS) listing or other applicable publications to determine installed SPAWAR items. Additionally, request NAVSEA Detachment Portsmouth to provide a listing of all SPAWAR items installed on the ship to be stricken to SPAWAR.

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(2) Determine which installed SPAWAR items will be removed. Items in critical supply that have known or anticipated future requirements will be candidates for removal. Additionally, all SPAWAR cognizance classified items will be removed.

(3) Advise NAVSEA Detachment Portsmouth, with a copy to the designated receiving point, of specific SPAWAR cognizance items on board the ship to be removed. Additionally, submit itemized lists of all items requiring demilitarization.

(4) Request the stripping activity to provide listings of SPAWAR cognizance items in the following categories:

(a) found on board and the estimated cost to remove;

(b) directed by SPAWAR to be removed, but not found on board;

(c) observed equipment on board but not listed in the SECAS listing or other publications that may be a candidate for removal and the estimated cost to remove each item.

(5) Upon receipt of the listings of equipment either found or not found on board, issue applicable funding documentation and direct the designated SPAWAR activity to arrange for removal of items directed by SPAWAR. In so doing, the activity removing the material will be directed to ship each item removed to a designated stock point which will normally be the reporting stock point nearest the item's designated overhaul point (DOP).

(6) Contact the appropriate Type Commanders (TYCOMs) to determine the location of critical equipments listed in SECAS or other listings but not found on board, and direct shipment to the stock point nearest each item's DOP.

(7) Prepare budget estimates for O&MN funds required to remove SPAWAR cognizance items from ships scheduled for disposal.

(8) Provide listings of all ships scheduled for disposal to SPAWAR field activities for planning purposes.

(9) On an annual basis, provide program directors (PDs) a copy of the SPAWAR equipment dictionary (EDICT) for PD development of a listing of SPAWAR equipment to be removed from stricken ships.

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b. PDs will submit on an annual basis a listing of SPAWAR candidates for removal from stricken ships. PDs will make annotations to the SPAWAR EDICT and submit listings to SPAWAR 003-22 within 30 days of receipt.

c. SPAWAR activities will:

(1) Screen and tag all SPAWAR items to be removed and respond to SPAWAR headquarters (Code 003-2) as stated in paragraph 5a above.

(2) Remove or ensure the removal of all SPAWAR items as directed by SPAWAR headquarters upon receipt of appropriate funding document.



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